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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) San Francisco – More Than 150 Arrested in California by Immigration and Customs Enforcement**

(U) Federal immigration agents arrested more than 150 people in California yesterday. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials announced that agents made the arrests in a three-day sweep starting on 25 February that covered cities from Sacramento in the north to Stockton in the Central Valley. About half of those arrested for being in the country illegally had criminal convictions, according to ICE. Several individuals arrested had prior convictions for crimes such as assault with a deadly weapon, including a man who had been previously deported to Mexico eight times.

SOURCE: 28 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Ohio – Milkman Accused of Sneaking Drugs, Phones into Ohio Prison**

(U) Columbus – A longtime milkman has been smuggling marijuana, tobacco, and cellphones into an Ohio prison hidden inside milk cartons, a prosecutor said. The suspect was in contact with an inmate at Lebanon Correctional Facility who facilitated the deliveries and set up payments, according to the prosecutor. On 8 January, authorities searched the nearly 30,000 milk cartons the suspect was delivering that day and found contraband, including 12 cellphones. The suspect made thousands of dollars sneaking the items in over time.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Washington – 11 Sick After Suspicious Letter Arrives at Military Base

(U) District of Columbia – Eleven people fell ill after a suspicious letter was opened in an administrative building at Joint Base Fort Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia yesterday, according to the Arlington County Fire Department. A law enforcement official said field tests for the letter all came back negative for any harmful substance, but the FBI is transporting to its lab in Quantico for further analysis. Of the 11 individuals who felt ill, three were transported to a local hospital and are in a stable condition.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) Washington – Cyber Chief Says Trump Has Given No New Authority to Strike Russian Threat

(U) District of Columbia – The head of US Cyber Command warned lawmakers that penalties and other measures have not “changed the calculus or the behavior” of Russia as it seeks to interfere with this year’s midterm elections. “We’re taking steps, but we’re probably not doing enough,” Admiral Michael Rogers said before the Senate Armed Services Committee. He said that President Trump has given him no new authorities or capabilities to strike Russian cyber-operations ahead of the midterms.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) Washington – Justice Department to Target Opioid Manufacturers, Distributors in New Push

(U) District of Columbia – Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced yesterday that a new task force would target drug manufacturers and distributors for their roles in the opioid epidemic, raising the possibility of filing criminal charges against them. The Justice Department also said it would file a

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statement of interest in hundreds of lawsuits against drug companies brought by cities, counties, and medical institutions seeking reimbursement for the cost of the drug crisis.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) New York – California Man Arrested on Charges of Trying to Join ISIS

(U) New York – A California man has been arrested on charges he sought to fight overseas for ISIS. Federal prosecutors in New York announced the arrest of Bernard Augustine of Keyes, California yesterday. Prosecutors said that before he left the US, the 21-year-old Augustine repeatedly expressed his support for ISIS and violent jihad. They said a search of his laptop showed that he researched how to join the group. He is accused of traveling in 2016 to Tunisia, where he tried to enter Libya. He was captured before he could make it into Libya.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) United Kingdom – ISIS Supporter Tried to Recruit Terrorists around the World from UK Home**

(U) London – A man who tried to recruit ISIS fighters around the world from his London home has been jailed after one of his targets turned him in. Mohammed Kamal Hussain, 28, sent thousands of messages aiming to generate support for the terrorist group using Facebook, WhatsApp, and the Telegram messaging service. Police only discovered his activities after a man who lives outside the UK emailed the Home Office in March 2017, saying he had received a Facebook message from a stranger inviting him to join ISIS.

SOURCE: 27 February 2018, [Independent](#)

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